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Title: **TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM HAVING A PACKET-SWITCHING COMMUNICATION NETWORK AND METHOD FOR OPERATING SAME**

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Sir:

On November 13, 2001, a Notice of Incomplete Reply was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced application. It was indicated therein that "the oath or declaration is unsigned."

Applicants respectfully submit, however, that a properly signed Declaration was, in fact, filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 1, 2001 along with a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application for this case. For the Examiner's reference, a copy of such Declaration is attached herewith.

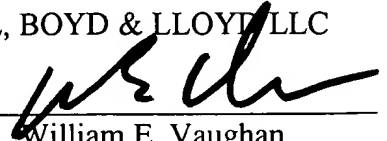
Please note that this Declaration is seven pages long, with pages 3-7 being the signature pages for the seven joint inventors of the present invention. A close review of these pages reflects that all seven of the inventors have duly executed their respective portions of this Declaration. While it may have appeared, for example, that the fourth inventor Walter Zinkl did not sign this Declaration on page 4, his signature may be found on page 5. Applicants respectfully submit that, upon seeing a blank signature line in the Declaration, the Examiner apparently concluded that the Declaration was not properly executed. As already described, however, this Declaration has been duly executed by all seven inventors of the present invention.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Incomplete Reply be rescinded, and that the present application be granted its original filing date.

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 08/06/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 06/01/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The required items noted below **SHOULD** be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

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